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REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

Attached is an annotated copy of the Official Filing Receipt dated August 22, 2006 for the above-referenced Application for which issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

1) There is an error with respect to *Domestic Priority data* field, please correct as follows:

Domestic Priority data as claimed by applicant

This application is a 371 of PCT/IL2004/000527 06/17/2004

which claims benefit of 60/478,841 06/17/2003

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2) There is an omission with respect to *Foreign Applications* field, please add as follows:

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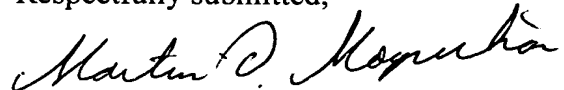
The present Application is a National Phase of PCT Application No. PCT/IL2004/000527, filed on June 17, 2004, which claims the benefit under §119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/478,841, filed on June 17, 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/529,612, filed on December 16, 2003, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/534,377, filed on January 6, 2004, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. No 60/554,558, filed on March 18, 2004 and Israel Patent Application No. 160987, filed on March 21, 2004.. The present Application is also a Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/890,172 and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/890,318, both filed on July 25, 2001. Earlier PCT Patent Application No. PCT/IL2004/000527 has not been fully entered, i.e. should read "PCT/IL~~2004~~/00~~0~~527" (instead of "PCT/IL04/00527"). Earlier U.S. Provisional Patent Applications Nos. 60/529,612, 60/534,377 and 60/554,558 as well as U.S. Patent Applications No. 09/890,172 and 09/890,318 should be added to the *Domestic Priority data* field. Earlier Israel Patent No. 160987 should be added to the *Foreign Applications* field. See attached copy of the Preliminary Amendment (amending "Related Applications" section, see page 2 of such document) as well as Application Data Sheet as originally-filed with the above-referenced US National Phase Patent Application No. 10/561,124.

Attached is also an annotated copy of the Filing Receipt.

Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt in compliance with the Preliminary Amendment and Application Data Sheet as filed.

Issuance of a Corrected Filing Receipt to reflect the items as mentioned above is respectfully requested.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

20 Sir:

Further to the concurrent filing of the U.S. national stage of PCT Application No. PCT/IL2004/000527, kindly amend the application as indicated in the following pages prior to examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly replace the "Related Applications" section on page 1, immediately after the title with the following:

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-- RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a US National Phase of PCT Application No. IL2004/000527
filed on June 17, 2004 and published as WO2004/110300 which ~~claims~~ claimed the benefit
under 35 USC 119(e) of US Provisional Applications for Patent No. 60/478,841 filed on June
10 17, 2003, No. 60/529,612 filed on December 16, 2003, No. 60/534,377 filed January 6, 2004
and No 60/554,558 March 18, 2004, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by
reference.

The present application is a continuation-in-part of US 09/890,172 and US 09/890,318,
the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.

15 The present application claims priority from Israel application IL 160987, filed 21
March, 2004, the disclosure of which is incorporated wherein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A medical grade deformer, comprising:
an axial member; and
5 a pliable tube mounted on said axial member and adapted to be deformed from a first, narrower diameter, configuration to a second, greater diameter, configuration.
2. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said tube is slotted through its thickness.
- 10 3. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said tube is not slotted.
4. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, comprising at least one end engaging one end of said tube and adapted to apply compressive force to said tube for achieving said
15 deformation.
5. (Original) A deformer according to claim 4, comprising at least a second end one end engaging a second end of said tube and adapted to cooperate with said first end to compress said tube.
- 20 6. (Original) A deformer according to claim 5, wherein said two engaging ends and said axial member lock to maintain said pliable tube in a greater diameter configuration.
7. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said tube changes configuration by
25 axial compression thereof.
8. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said axial member is rigid.
9. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said axial member is flexible.
- 30 10. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said axial member extends out of said tube and is attached to a handle.

11. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said axial member comprises a release mechanism for release of said deformer from a delivery system.
12. (Original) A deformer according to claim 11, wherein said axial member comprises a locking mechanism for locking of said deformer in a greater diameter configuration in conjunction with release.
13. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer includes a channel adapted for bone filler flow.
14. (Original) A deformer according to claim 13, wherein said channel is formed in said axial member.
15. (Original) A deformer according to claim 13, wherein said channel is formed between said axial member and said tube.
16. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said axial member extends from said tube and is adapted to function as a hinge of a joint.
17. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer forms a bone attachment unit for a prosthesis.
18. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, comprising an enclosing bag, which surrounds said tube in said second configuration.
19. (Original) A deformer according to claim 18, wherein said bag is bio-degradable in the body.
20. (Original) A deformer according to claim 18, wherein said bag is porous.
21. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer defines a general volume in the shape of a cylinder when in said second configuration.

22. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer defines a general volume in the shape of a truncated pyramid when in said second configuration.
23. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer defines an axially rotationally asymmetric general volume when in said second configuration.
24. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer defines a predetermined general volume when in said second configuration.
25. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer comprises a set of axially contiguous zones with different material properties.
26. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer has a non-smooth outer surface in said second configuration.
27. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer is stiff enough, when in said second configuration to resist a trans-axial force of at least 50Kg.
28. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer, when in said second configuration has an axial applied force of at least 2Kg.
29. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said pliable material has a shore hardness of between 50A and 90D.
30. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said pliable material is non-metallic.
31. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said pliable material is polymeric.
32. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer includes at least one axial thread.
33. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer includes at least one circumferential thread.

34. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer, in said second configuration, defines a general volume and wherein said deformer fills at least 30% of said volume.
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35. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said deformer, in said second configuration, defines a general volume and wherein said deformer fills at least 50% of said volume.
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36. (Original) A deformer according to claim 1, wherein said tube defines a plurality of slots, such that when deformed to the second configuration, a plurality of axially displaced leaves extend from said tube to define said second configuration.
37. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein said tube defines at least three axially displaced leaves.
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38. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein adjacent leaves support each other, in said second configurations.
39. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein an end leaf is shorter than a non-end leaf.
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40. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein an end leaf is supported, on one side thereof, by an end cap of said deformer.
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41. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein adjacent leaves deform each other.
42. (Original) A deformer according to claim 36, wherein at least 50% of the leaves are deformed from a plane.
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43. (Original) A deformer, comprising a non-inflatable substantially non-absorbent deformable non-metallic body having two configurations, a first configuration in which said body has a narrower diameter and a second configuration in which said narrower diameter is

greater, wherein said deformer is adapted to remain substantially undeformed under a force of over 10 Kg and wherein said deformer is sized for positioning inside a human vertebra.

44. (Original) A deformer according to claim 43, wherein said deformer is adapted to remain substantially undeformed when in a human lumbar vertebra in standing condition.

45. (Original) A deformer according to claim 43, wherein said deformer is self-expanding.

46. (Original) A deformer according to claim 43, as part of kit including a spinal access tool.

47. (Original) A method of spinal surgery, comprising:
inserting a non-inflatable non-absorbent deformable deformer into a vertebra; and
deforming said deformer such that cortical bone of vertebral faces of said vertebra,
move relative to each other.

48. (Original) A method of treating a bone, comprising:
inserting a unsealed pliable element into the bone; and
mechanically deforming the pliable element such that said pliable element applies
deforming force on the bone.

49. (Original) A method according to claim 48, wherein said pliable element comprises at least one open aperture of cross-section greater than 0.5x0.5 mm.

50. (Original) A method according to claim 48, wherein said bone comprises a vertebral bone.

51. (Original) A method according to claim 48, wherein said bone comprises a long bone.

52-61. (Cancelled)

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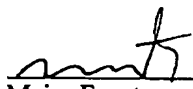
Claims 1 to 51 are presented as originally filed in PCT/IL2004/000527. Please cancel claims
5 52 through 61 without prejudice reserving the right to file a divisional application in due
course.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

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